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Indicted Rossville village clerk resigns position by letter

ROSSVILLE—A Rossville official, charged with taking village funds, has resigned.

Mayor Merv Smith on Tuesday received a letter from Kathy Roark resigning as village clerk. The resignation is effective immediately, he said.

Roark, 39, was indicted May 5 on charges of theft over \$300, obstruction of justice and two counts of official misconduct.

Roark, who also served as village collector, was suspended from those duties by the village board on May 1.

Denise Matthews, deputy collector under Roark, filled those duties until Chris Pearson was hired as collector in June.

Pearson will be the nominee for clerk at the Aug. 18 meeting, Smith said.

Roark was first named collector in 1992. She won reelection in April, running unopposed and receiving 254 votes.

Roark, who pleaded not guilty to the charges, is expected to appear in court on Aug. 25, Smith said.

Following Roark's suspension, village officials implemented changes in collecting procedures, including daily recording of fees from public faxing, copy-making and license fees; elimination of the petty cash fund; preapproval for expenses from meetings with reimbursement only with completed expense forms and receipts and designating five signees for checks,

Hoopeston Public Library announces new summer titles

The Hoopeston Public Library has announced the following new books:

Fiction: "Kowloon Tong" by Paul Theroux, "To Know Her Name" by Lori Wick, "Cold Mountain" by Charles Frazier, "Killer Market" by Margaret Maron (mystery), "The Shadow Matrix" by Marion Zimmer Bradley (science fiction) and "Chariots in the Smoke" by Gilbert Morris.

Also, "A time of War" by Gilbert Morris, "Morning Glory Mother" by Carol Lynn Pearson, "Cimarron Rose" by James Lee Burke, "Unnatural Exposure" by Patricia Cornwell, "Missing Pieces" by Joy Fielding, "The Shunning" by Beverly Lewis and "Power of a Woman" by Barbara Taylor Bradford.

And "Murder in the House" by Margaret Truman (mystery), "A Dangerous Love" by Michael R. Phillips, "Out to Canaan" by Jan Karon, "The Silver Star" by Gilbert Morris, "Seeing a Large Cat" by

Elizabeth Peters (mystery), "Amethyst Dreams" by Phyllis A. Whitney, "Fatal Terrain" by Dale Brown, "The Maze" by Catherine Coulter and "The Obsession" by Catherine Cookson.

Fiction, large print: "Rebel" by Heather Graham, "Both Ends of the Night" by Marcia Muller "Cloudy in the West" by Elmer Kenton, "Little Boy Blue" by Ed Dee, "The Collected Stories by Amanda Cross" and "The Guardian" by Joan Wolfe.

Non-fiction: "No Greater Love" by Mother Teresa, "Microsoft Publisher 97 for Dummies" by Barrie Sosinsky, "Ten Sisters" by Virginia Ruth Waggoner Rackley, "Calling the Midwest Home" by Carolyn S. Liebert, "Missing Manners' Basic Training: Eating" by Judith Martin, and "The Gift of Fear" by Gavin De Becker.

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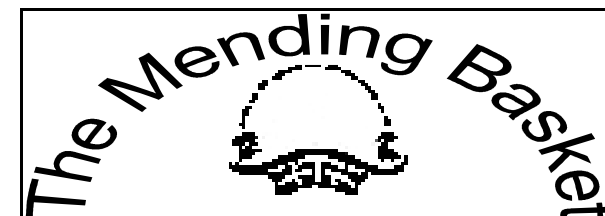
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Suspect in chase flees

Area police are seeking a man who led officers on a high-speed chase Wednesday night.

According to reports, Rossville police tried to stop the man, who was southbound on Route 1 at the edge of Rossville. The man pulled over, then turned back north on Route 1, accelerating to a high rate of speed.

After circling through Rossville, the man continued north on Route 1, pursued by Rossville police.

Hoopeston police tried to cut the suspect off south of Hoopeston, but he continued to accelerate, reaching speeds of 110 miles per hour, police said.

The man continued north of Hoopeston, turning east on county road 4300 North, County Line Road.

Approximately ½ mile east of Route 1, the man lost control of his vehicle and fled into nearby bean fields.

The search intensified, with officers of the Vermilion

Briefly

Rossville woman crowned

Brandi Thornsborough, 20, of Rossville, was crowned Georgetown Fair Queen Monday night.

Obituaries

COOK - Vergel G. "Cookie" Cook, 64, of Bloomington, formerly of Hoopeton, died at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, 1997 at his home. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial, with military graveside rites, will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Bro-Menn Hospice, 1322 S. Main St., Suite A, Normal, IL,

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Police News

County Sheriff's Department K-9 unit and Hoopeston auxiliary police. Officers were unable to locate the man.

However, his car was impounded and arrest warrants are pending for the man.

In other police news:

Donna Pearce, 508 N. Third St., reported Tuesday that someone scratched her 1992 Chevrolet while it was in the Pamida parking lot.

Frank L. Chavez, 18, of 920 W. Main, was arrested at 9 p.m. Tuesday, charged with theft after police said he took a bicycle from outside the Lorraine Theatre.

He was released on a notice to appear.

Matthew Barron, 321 W. Penn, reported Wednesday that someone took a 12-inch sub woofer from his vehicle.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 10 a.m. Wednesday at 413 N. Tenth Ave.

Police said Lawrence Comstock, 416 N. Tenth Ave.,

Thornsborough, one of 18 contestants, was crowned took top honors after rain delayed competition.

The Rossville-Alvin High School graduate attended Danville Area Community College for two years and plans to attend Southern Illinois University to study retail.

This was Thornsborough's fourth and final year competing in the pageant.

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

August 5, 1997

Admitted: Frances Zurlinden, Rossville.

Discharged: Earl Vogel, Rankin; Cecil Burge, Boswell, Ind.; Alice Goodwine, Hoopeston.

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